

Top 10 Site Selection Factors ranked by Site Selection Magazine (Nov. 2010)

2010 Top Ten Factors - <i>Site Selection</i> survey	GTP Site Features
1. Work force skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled workforce • Onsite education and training facility for workforce development • Lenoir Community College on-site composites training program in place • Close proximity to seven military bases which are growing in size and producing new skilled workforce members as military personnel retire
2. State and local tax scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property tax exemption on facilities owned by the GTP • State tax incentives for businesses meeting statutory requirements • Local tax incentives may be negotiated by companies
3. Transportation infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airport with 11,500 foot runway, an ongoing upgrade to Category III Instrument Landing System (ILS), and FAA-operated control tower • Access to multilane highway and access to multiple interstate highways • Proximity to two North Carolina seaports. • Direct rail and highway access to NC Port. (Rail connection scheduled completion in November, 2011)
4. Flexibility of incentive programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives are available from multiple sources such as state and local government, non-profits, the GTP and its Foundation
(Tie)5. Availability of incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives for new jobs and capital investments
(Tie)5. Utility infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial sites that are shovel ready with electric, natural gas, water and sewer utilities • Solar energy provider under contract • High-speed, redundant fiber optic backbone/secure data transmission
7. Land/building costs and supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,500- acre park • Build-to-suit facilities for tenants from 20,000 square feet up to 600,000 square feet, or more. • Reasonable building costs and lease rates
8. State economic development strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Office committed to recruitment and growth of business and industry. • NC Department of Commerce Certified Site status (pending)
9. Permitting and regulatory structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan and protective zoning in place that is managed by the GTP • Environmentally permitted land available for development • GTP is grantee of Foreign Trade Zone # 214
10. Higher education resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidents of the State's university system and the State's community college system are members of the GTP Authority, the oversight board. • GTP has an active Academic Committee which partners with universities and community colleges, both private and public. • Several universities and community colleges in the State with advanced manufacturing, aviation/aerospace, logistics, and research programs are partners with the GTP.

